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SUBJECT: BIO DATA ON FIVE MEMBERS OF MOZAMBIQUE DELEGATION ATTENDING ECOSOC MEETING

1. FOLLOWING IS ALL AVAILABLE BIO DATA ON FIVE MEMBERS OF MOZAMBIQUE DELEGATION ATTENDING ECOSOC MEETING IN NEW YORK. A. ARMANDO PANGUENE, DEPTUTY FOREIGN MINISTER. PANGUENE WAS BORN ON 19 DECEMBER 1942 IN MARRACUENE, MOZAMBIQUE. HE JOINED FRELIMO IN 1964 AND SERVED AS FRELIMO REPRESENTATIVE TO EGYPT AND ROMANIA DURING THE STRUGGLE. FOLLOWING THE SEPTEMBER 1974 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PROTUGUESE AND FRELIMO, PANGUENE SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE IMPORTANT MIXED MILITARY COMMISSION WHICH FACILITATED THE REPLACEMENT OF PORTUGUESE TROOPS BY FRELIMO TROOPS IN MOZAMBIQUE. FROM NOVEMBER 1974 TO JULX 1975 HE SERVED AY GOVERNOR OF NAMPULA PROVINCE, IN JULY 1975 HE WAS APPOINTED DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER. IN THIS CAPACITY HE ATTENDED THE LAST UNGA MEETING. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF FRELIMO. HE HAS BEEN ASSESSED AS VERY INTELLIGENT TRUSTED BY THE LEADERSHIP, AND AN ABLE ADMINISTRATOR. HE HAS NO REAL POLITICAL BASE, BUT IS TALKED ABOUT AS THE LOGICAL CHOICE TO REPLACE JOAQUIM CHISSANO AS FOREIGN MINISTER SHOULD THIS OCCUR. LITTLE IS KNOW OF HIS POLITICAL ORIENTATION; HE IS NOT CONSIDERED AN IDEOLOGUE BUT FAITHFULLY FOLLOWS THE PARTY LINE. HE HAS A QUICK TEMPER AND OPENLY SHOWS HIS EMOTIONS. HE WAS INITIALLY BROUGHT INTO FRELIMO UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF EDUARDO

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MONDLANE. HE SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH.

B. ALBERTO FRANCISCO CASSIMO, GOVERNOR OF THE BANK OF MOZAMBIQUE: CASSIMO WAS BORN IN QUELIMANE, MOZAMBIQUE, ON SEPTEMBER 26, 1946. HE IS A MEMBER OF FRELIMO'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. DURING THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE, HE WAS SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT FOR THE FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF MOZAMBIQUE. SHORTLY AFTER THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT TOOK POWER HE WAS NAMED PRESIDENT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION OF THE RADIO CLUB OF MOZAMBIQUE, THE COUNTRY'S NATIONAL RADIO. AT INDEPENDENCE HE WAS APPOINTED GOVERNOR OF THE BANK OF MOZAMBIQUE. SINCE ASSUMING HIS CURRENT POSITION, HE HAS PROVEN TO BE A FISCAL CONSERVATIVE, AND HAS SOUGHT TO KEEP GOVERNMENT'S RESERVES HIGH. HE HAS BEEN FRIENDLY TOWARDS VISITING AMERICANS AND BRITISH BANKERS. POLITICALLY, CASSIMO IS THOUGHT TO BE A MODERATE. HE HAS NO AUTONOMOUS POLITICAL BASE. IN RECENT WEEKS, IT HAS BEEN RUMORED THAT CASSIMO SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION IN PROTEST AGAINST A REQUEST BY PRESIDENT SAMOGA MACHEL TO TRANSFER LARGE SUMS OF MONEY FROM MOZAMBIQUE TO A SWISS BANK ACCOUNT. THERE IS NO PROOF, HOWEVER, THAT THIS RUMOR IS TRUE. CASSIMO SPEAKS SOME ENGLISH.

C. JOAQUIM ENNEIRO DE ALMEIDA, ECONOMIST FOR MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS: ALMEIDA WAS BORN ON AUGUST 9, 1943, IN MAPUTO, MOZAMBIQUE. HE WORKED WITH SPECIAL UN DELEGATION ASSESSING IMPACT ON MOZAMBIQUE ECONOMY OF IMPOSING MANDATORY SANCTIONS ON RHODESIA. UN OFFICIALS DESCRIBED HIM AS A COMPETENT TECHNICIAN WITHOUT ANY MAJOR TIES TO FRELIMO.

D. FRANCISCO JOSE LOFORTE RIBEIRO: CHIEF OF CABINET OF MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING. RIBEIRO WAS BORN ON SEPTEMBER 15, 1947, IN MAPUTO, MOZAMBIQUE.

E. JOSE LUIS MABOTE: MABOTE IS JUNIOR FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL. HE WAS BORN ON OCTOBER 10, 1954, IN XAI-XAI-(FORMERLY JAO BELO), MOZAMBIQUE. HE HAS TRAVELLED TO UN BEFORE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSANO.
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